

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GENERAL ORDER

(Amending General Order dated November 16, 1972)

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In re: Penalty charges for delinquent payment of utility bills.

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This Commission's General Order dated November 16, 1972, limited penalties for delinquent payment of utility bills to not more than five per cent (5%) of actual billing, said penalty to apply not less than 25 days from date of billing, said penalty to apply not less than 25 days from date of billing. Further investigation by the staff has indicated that the 25 days stipulated in the Order caused hardship and confusion to many utilities because of overlap in meter reading dates. It is therefore,

ORDERED, that effective with the next billing date all utilities subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission shall limit any penalties for delinquent payment of utility bills to not more than five per cent (5%) of actual billing, said penalty to apply not less than 20 days from the date of billing. It is further

ORDERED that all present penalties in conflict herewith be suspended. It is further

ORDERED that all utilities which have filed accepted tariffs containing delinquent payment charges under General Order dated November 16, 1972, shall have authority under this Amended Order to apply said penalty consistent with the provisions hereof without further revisions.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA  
FEBRUARY 20, 1973

/S/ ERNEST S. CLEMENTS  
CHAIRMAN

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/S/ NAT B. KNIGHT, JR.  
COMMISSIONER

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/S/ ED KENNON  
COMMISSIONER

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/S/ LOUIS S. QUINN  
SECRETARY

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